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Fire Restrictions Lifted

Fire restrictions in Big Horn, Carbon, Musselshell, Sweet Grass, Treasure, and Yellowstone counties will be lifted at 1 a.m. on Oct. 5 due to additional rainfall and cooler temperatures. Stillwater County expects to lift restrictions at 1 a.m. on Oct. 7.

Although restrictions are being rescinded, fire danger persists. Please be cautious when working and recreating outdoors: make sure chainsaws and vehicles have spark arresters in place; stop and park only in areas cleared of vegetation; ensure that your campfire is dead out before you leave; and always carry a shovel, bucket and fire extinguisher. Also remember that cross-country travel is not allowed on most federal and state lands. **Anyone who causes a wildland fire intentionally or through negligence may be held accountable for damage and suppression costs.**

A burn permit is still required for any open burning other than campfires. Additional restrictions may also exist in certain areas. Before burning such things as slash piles, ditches, or fields, please contact your local fire department or sheriff's office for more information and to obtain any necessary permits.

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For more information about fire prevention, please contact the Custer National Forest at 406-657-6200; Bureau of Land Management at 406-896-5013; Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation at 406-247-4400; Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks at 406-247-2940; Carbon County at 406-446-1595; Stillwater County at 406-321-0204; Sweet Grass County at 406-932-5143; or your local fire department or sheriff's office.

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